

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A golf bag comprising:
a body portion for receiving golf clubs;
an upper case for supporting an upper end of the body portion; and
a bottom case for supporting a lower end of the body portion and defining a bottom of the body portion,
wherein the bottom case is formed through a foam forming process.
2. (Original) The golf bag of claim 1 wherein the bottom case is formed of a material composed of a resin, plasticizer, crosslink agent, and blowing agent.
3. (Original) The golf bag of claim 2 wherein the resin is selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate (EVA), polyethylene (PE), rubber, polypropylene (PP), PVC, polyurethane, polystyrene foam, and foam rubber.
4. (Original) The golf bag of claim 2 wherein the blowing agent is formed of Azodicarbonamide based material.
5. (Original) The golf bag of claim 1 wherein the bottom case is provided with a hole representing letters or graphics, and the golf bag further comprises a bottom plate having a different color from the bottom case and a projection having an identical shape to the hole formed on the bottom, the bottom plate is mounted on the bottom case such that the projection is fitted in the hole to be exposed to an external portion.

6. (Original) The golf bag of claim 5 wherein the bottom case is provided with a hook groove and the bottom plate is provided with a hook projection that is engaged with the hook groove when the bottom plate is mounted on the bottom case.

7. (Original) The golf bag of claim 1, further comprising a bottom plate mounted on the bottom case, the bottom plate being provided at a bottom thereof with predetermined graphics such as letters or a logo.

8. (Original) The golf bag of claim I wherein the graphics are formed by an engraving or embossing process.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for making a ~~bottom~~ case for a golf bag, the method comprising the steps of:

preparing a material containing a blowing agent;

pre-forming the ~~bottom~~ case using the material through an injection molding process:

removing the pre-formed ~~bottom~~ case from the mold; and

letting the pre-formed ~~bottom~~ case be expanded by the blowing agent, thereby completing the bottom case having softness.

10. (Original) The golf bag of claim 9 wherein the material comprises a resin, pDasticizer, and a crosslink agent in addition to the blowing agent.

11. (Original) The golf bag of claim 10 wherein the resin is selected from the group consisting of ehtylene vinyl acetate (EVA), poly ehtylene (PE), rubber, poly propylene (PP), PVC, polyurethane, polystyrene foam, and foam rubber.

12. (Original) The golf bag of claim 10 wherein the blowing agent is formed of Azodicarbonamide-based material.

13. (Currently Amended) A method for making a ~~bottom~~-case for a golf bag, the method comprising the steps of:

preparing a material containing a blowing agent;
pre-forming the ~~bottom~~-case using the material through an injection molding process;
removing the pre-formed ~~bottom~~-case out of a mold; and

transferring the pre-formed ~~bottom~~-case in a chamber supplied with a worm air so that the pre-formed ~~bottom~~-case can be expanded by the blowing agent, thereby completing the ~~bottom~~-case having a softness.

14. (Original) The golf bag of claim 13 wherein the material comprises a resin, plasticizer, and a crosslink agent in addition to the blowing agent.

15. (Original) The golf bag of claim 14 wherein the resin is selected from the group consisting of ehtylene vinyl Acetate (EVA), poly ehtylene (FE), rubber, poly propylene (PP), PVC, polyurethane, polystyrene foam, and foam rubber.

16. (Original) The golf bag of claim 14 wherein the blowing agent is formed of Azodicarbonamide-based material.

17. (New) A golf bag comprising:
a body portion for receiving golf clubs;

an upper case for supporting an upper end of the body portion; and
a bottom case for supporting a lower end of the body portion and defining a
bottom of the body portion, and
wherein the upper case is formed through a foam forming process.

18. (New) The method defined by Claim 9 wherein said case is at least one of an upper case and a lower case.
19. (New) The method defined by Claim 13 wherein said case is one of an upper case and a lower case.